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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(18) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/20/2019

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

Date: 08/27/2019

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Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 19-0882

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: Sanitary products are vital for the health, well-being, and full participation of women and girls—and transgender and nonbinary people who menstruate—in our society. 86 percent of U.S. women report that they've started their period unexpectedly in public without the supplies they need. When sanitary products are inaccessible or unaffordable, menstruation can mean missed school and an increased dropout rate, missed work, and repeated health complications because of unsanitary makeshift solutions. Access to tampons and pads for low-income women, in particular, can pose significant challenges: food stamps don't cover feminine hygiene products, so some women resort to selling their food stamps in order to pay for "luxuries" like tampons. In addition, low-income women may be forced to use menstrual items for long stretches of time due to cost, which puts them at higher risk for cervical cancer, toxic shock syndrome, and other health issues resulting from product overuse. No one chooses to menstruate. As such, providing free tampons and pads should be equivalent to stocking toilet paper and hand soap. We do not expect people to walk around in public with toilet paper in the event that they suddenly experience diarrhea. People who menstruate should be afforded the same public safety net. The City of Los Angeles should be a leader in menstrual equity and set an example for other cities around the nation. For the foregoing reasons, the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council strongly supports Council File 19-0882, Provision at No Cost / Feminine Hygiene Products / All Restrooms at City-owned Facilities, and encourages the City of Los Angeles to act with haste to provide feminine hygiene products at no cost in all restrooms in City-owned facilities.



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- COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT -

Council File: [19-0882](#)

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Position: Support

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**-APPROVED-**

August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Yay: 18 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Ineligible: 0